

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2005.

Election

In the Office Action, the Examiner required the claims to be restricted to one of three alleged inventions: (1) Group I, including claims 1-12 and 24-35, (2) Group II including claims 13-19, and (3) Group III, including claims 20-23 and 36-39.

Applicants hereby elect to proceed with Group I, including claims 1-12 and 24-35. Claims 13-23 and 36-39 have been cancelled without prejudice so that they can be submitted with a divisional application.

Applicants make this election to further the prosecution process. This election is not meant to indicate that the Applicants agree or disagree with the restriction requirement.

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, reconsideration of claims 1-12 and 24-35 is requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this document, including any fee for extension of time, which may be requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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